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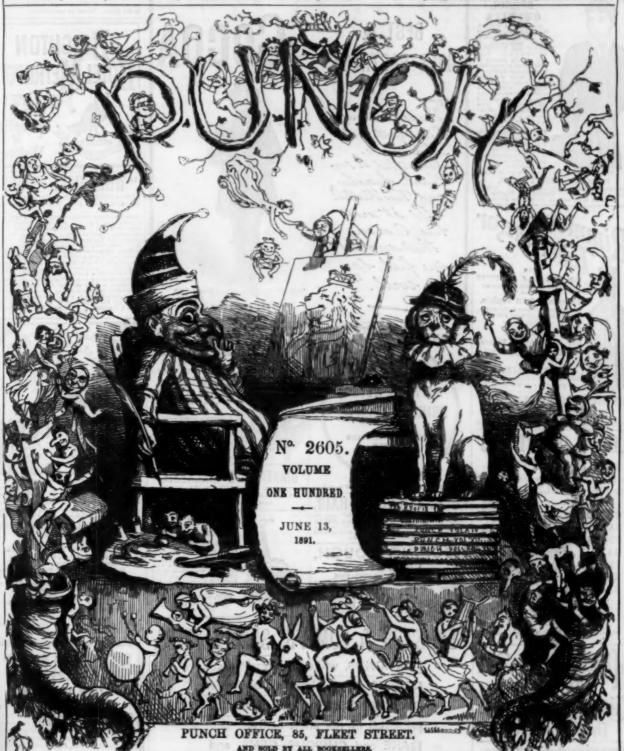
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AT A MUSIC HALL.

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The Chairman. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Celebrated Character-Daettists and Variety Artistes, the Sisters Silverywand, will appear next!

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[They do: They have just sung a duet in praise of Nature with an interspersed step-dance. "Oh, I love to 'ear the scho on the Moun-ting!" (Tiddity-iddity-iddity-iddity-um!) "And to listen to the tinkle of the Foun-ting!" (Tiddity, &c.)

A White-capped Attendant (taking advantage of a pause, plain-tively). Sangwidges, too-pence!

Voluble Lady in the Shilling Stalls (telling her Male Companion an interminable story with an evasive point). No, but you 'ear what I'm going to tell you, because I'm coming to it presently. I can't remember his name at this moment—something like BUDRIN, but it wasn't that, somewhere near Bond Street, he is, or a street off there; a Scotchman, but that doesn't matter! (Here she breake off to hum the Chorus of "Good Ole Mother-in-Law!" which is being sung on the stage.) Well, lot me see—what was I telling you? Wait a minute, excuse me, oh, yes, — well, there was this picture, — mind you, it's a lovely passiting, but the frame simply nothing, not that I go by frames, myself, o' course not, but I fetched it down to show him —oh, I know what you'll say, but he must know something about such things; he knew my uncle, and I can tell you what he is—he 's a florist, and married nineteen years, and his wife's forty—years older than florist, and married nineteen years, and his wife's forty—years older than me, but I've searcely spoke to her, and no children, so'll fetched it to show

First Professional Lady, "resting," to Second Ditto (as Miss Florrer Follambe appears on Stage). New dresses, to-night. Second Ditto. Yes. (Inspects Miss F.'s costume.) Something wrong with that boy's dress in front, though, cut too low. Is that silver bullion it's trimmed with? That silver stuff they put on my pantomine-dress has turned quite yellow!

First Ditto. It will sometimes. Did you know any of the critics when you were down at Slagtown for the Panto?

Second Ditto. I knew the Grimeshire Mercury, and he said most awfully rude things about me in his paper. I was rather rude to him at rehearsal, but we made it up afterwards. You know Lilly's married, dear?

First Ditto. What—Lilly? You don't mean it!

married, dear?

First Ditto. What—Lilly? You don't mean it!

Second Ditto. Oh, yes, she is, though. She went out to Buenos Ayres, and the other day she was taken in to dinner by the Bishop of the Friendly Islands.

First Ditto. A Bishop? Fancy! That is getting on, isn't it?

Miss Foljambs (on Stage, acknowledging an encore). Ladies and

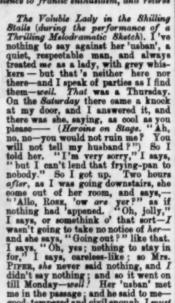
Gentlemen, I am very much obliged for your kind reception this evening, but having been lately laid up with a bad cold, and almost entirely lost my vice, and being still a little 'orse, I feel compelled to ask your kind acceptance of a few 'ornpipe steps, after which I 'ope to remain, Ladies and Gentlemen, always your obedient 'umble servant to command-FLORRIE FOLJAMBE!

[Tumultuous applauss, and hornpipe.

Chairman. Professor Boodler, the renowned Imitator of Birds, will appear next!

The Professor (on Stage). Ladies and Gentlemen, I shall commence by an attempt to give you an imitation of that popular and favourite songster, the Thrush—better known to some of you, I daresay, as the Throstle, or Mavis! (He gives the Thrush—which somehow doesn't "go.") I shall next endeavour to represent that celebrated and tuneful singing-bird—the Sky-lark. (He does it, but the Lark doesn't quite come off.) I shall next try to give you those two sweet singers, the Male and Female Canary—the gentleman in the stalls with the yellow 'air will represent the female bird on this coession, he must not be offended, for it is a "igh compliment I am paying him, a harmless professional joke. (The Canaries obtain but tepid acknowledgments.) I shall now conclude my illustrations of bird-life with my celebrated imitation of a waiter drawing the cork from a bottle of gingerbeer, and drinking it afterwards.

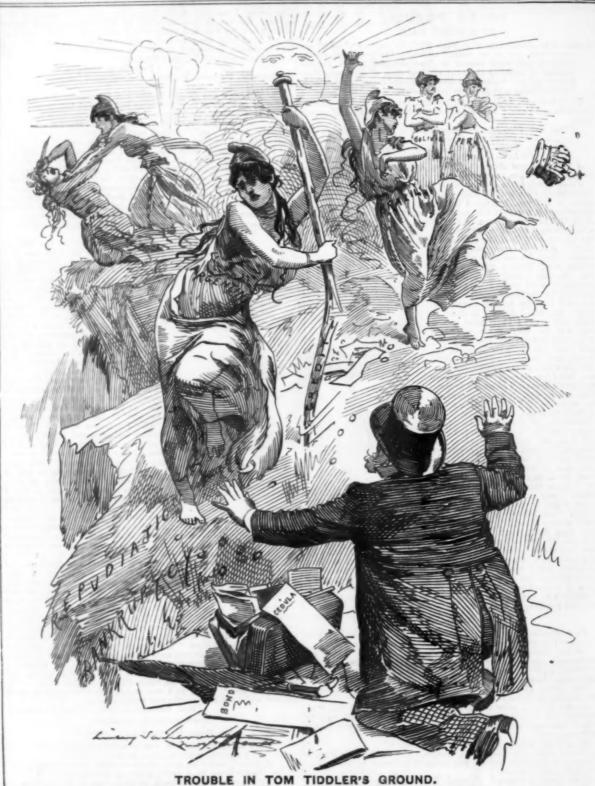
[Does so: rouses the audience to frantic enthusiam, and retires after triple re-call.



me, but I 've searcely spoke to her, and no children, so'l fetched it to show him, and as soon as he set eyes on it, he says — (Female "Character-Comic" on Stage, keystoriously, "Ritolderiddle, ol deray, ritolderiddle, older-i-i-ide, "I can't tell you hone old it is, but 'undreds of years, and Chinese, I shouldn't wonder, but we can't trace its 'istry—that's what he said, and if he don't know, nobody does, for it stands to reason he must be a judge, though nothing to me, when I say nothing, I mean all I know of him is that he used to be—(Frene Vecalist on Stages." My Sweetheart when a Bo-oy! "I always like that to suppose that to solve that sony! Well, and this is what I was wanting to tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you, she got to know what I'd dome—how is more'n I can tell you what you tell you want tell you wa

To Rose Norreys as "Nora."

DEAR ROSE, in your way, you're as brimful of Art
As a picture by RETHOLDS, a statue by GIBSON;
And we'll never cut you, though we don't like your part,
Pretty Rose, in A Doll's House, as written by IBSEN.
Yet we crowd on your track, as the hounds on the quarry's,
And, though earning at Nors, delight in our NORREYS.

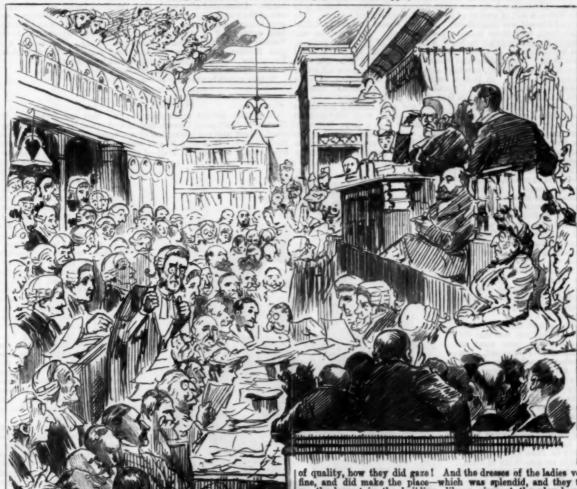


TROUBLE IN TOM TIDDLER'S GROUND.

British Tom Tiddler. "IF THIS GOES ON, NOW ABOUT MY GOLD AND SILVER!"

DAY IN THE LAW COURTS.

(A page from the Posthumous Diary of the late Mr. Pepys.)



of quality, how they did gaze! And the dresses of the ladies very fine, and did make the place—which was splendid, and they tell me the largest in the building—like a piece at the play-house! And the Counsel, how they did talk! Mighty droll to hear them the largest in the trivial manage was the play-house! And the Counsel, how they did talk! Mighty droll to hear them the counsel, how they did talk! Mighty droll to hear them the sum of the player of these good people did have the head spoken was wrong, and White was Black! Good lask! who had spoken was wrong, and White was Black! Good lask! who had spoken was wrong, and the sum of the grading when he counsel differ? and I was mightly content that I honour of saking a question of His Royal Highness. And it was answered most courtecouly, at which I was greatly pleased and content. There did I see a crowd high and low trying to get in. But the caustodians and the police mighty haupity, but withel courteous, and no one to be admitted without a ticket signed by the Counsel, did appear all wrong when anotion (as the caustodians and the police mighty haupity, but withel courteous, and no one to be admitted without a ticket signed by the Counsel, did spoken was elever than any of us? The Lord Chief Justice. And I thought it was a good job my wife was not with me. She had a great longing to see a sensation action (as the journais have it), and alse being of a fiery disposition and not complacent when refused, might have made an uproar, which would have two them in many beauties there, who I did gaze upon with satisfaction. To see hear to the heart. But in truth I found no trouble. It did seem to the heart. But in truth I found no trouble. It did seem to the heart they did not see me as I entered in. And plenty of now and the policy of the clock, when the day was over. So home, and described the Lord Chief Justice—a stately gentleman—and the other persons to my wife what I had seen, except the damsels.

LEAVES FROM A CANDIDATE'S DIARY.

Billsbury, Sunday, May 25.—CHORKLE's dinner came off last night. The dinner-hour was seven o'clock. CHORKLE's house is in The Grove, a sort of avenue of detached houses shaded by trees. The Colonel himself was magnificent. He wore a most elaborately-frilled shirt-front, with three massive jewelled studs. His waistoost was beautifully embroidered in black with a kind of vine-leaf pattern, the buttons being of silver, with the regimental badge embossed upon them. His handkerohief was a gorgeous one of blus silk. He wore it in his waistoost, carefully arranged, so as to show all round above the opening. It looked something like the ribbon of some Order at a distance. Mrs. CHORKLE is rather a pleasant woman. upon them. His handkerenser was a serious to snow as to snow as the property of the opening. It looked something like the ribbon of some above the opening. It looked something like the ribbon of some order at a distance. Mrs. Chorkes is rather a pleasant woman, with a manner which suggests that she is much trampled on by her domineering husband. How on earth she ever induced herself to marry him I can't make out. The chief guests were Sir Charles and Lady Perfold. Sir Charles's father was a large Billsbury in the House a good many years ago. He was eventually made a Baronet for his services to the Party. The present Sir Charles doesn't take much interest in politics, occupying himself politics, occupying himself fee. After spending at least the property of the surface of the services to the Party. The present Sir Charles of officials connected with Cathedral, all of whom demand their fee. After spending at least the property of the property of

ociety in Billsbury, and not to know them is to argue your-self unknown. Sir CHARLES himself is an Oxford man, and

nimeers is an Oxford man, and we had a good deal of talk about the old place.

"Yes," he said, "I was at the House more than thirty years ago, and to tell you the truth, it's the only House (with a capital H), that I ever wanted to be in." te be in.

The fact of the matter, JERRAM told me, was that Sir CHARLES did once want to stand for Parliament, but somehow or other the scheme fell through, and since then he's always spoken rather bit-terly of the House of Com-mons. Their daughter, whom mons. Their daughter, whom I took in to dinner, is a very pretty girl of nineteen, with plenty to say for herself. She told me they were going to be in London for about three told me they were going to be in London for about three weeks in June and July, so I hope to see something of them. Besides the PENFOLDS there were Mr. and Mrs. TOLLAND; Mrs. TOLLAND in a green silk dress with more gold chains wound about various parts of her purson than I ever sew on her person than I ever saw on any other woman. Two officers of CHORKLE'S Volunteers were there with their wives, Major

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think much, privately, of CRORKER's ability as a soldier, and Captain Yarman, a dapper little in a perfectly shocking state of disrepair!

Later.—My worst apprehensions

Altersthese the shocking state of disrepair!

Society in London.

Altogether there were twenty guests. Precisely at seven o'clock a bugle sounded on the landing outside the drawing-room to amnounce dinner. Everything in the CRORKLE family is done by bugle-calls. They have reveillé at 7 a M., the sergeants' call for the servants' dinner, and lights out at eleven o'clock every night. As seon as the call was finished, CRORKLE went up to Lady PENFOLD." Shall we march, Lady PENFOLD?" he said. "Sir CHARLES will bring up the rear with Mrs. C." And thus we went down-stairs. The dinner was a most tremendous and wonderful entertainment, and must have lasted two hours, at the very least. There were two soups, three fishes, dezens of entrées, three or four joints—the mere memory of it is indigestive. The talk was almost entirely about local matters, the chief subject of dissussion being the Mastership of the Foxhounds. The present Master is not going to keep them on, as he is a very old man, and everybody seems to want Sir CRARLES to take them, but he hangs bask. Difficulties about the subscription, I fancy.

In the middle of dinner there was a fiendish row outside. I saw poor Mrs. Chorkle turn pale, while the Colonel got purple with fury, and upset his champagne as he turned to say something to the butler. Discovered afterwards that the disturbance was caused by two of the young Chorkles, who had got out of their bedrooms, and were lying in ambush for the dishes. Horres Leviathan Chorkle had carried off a dish of sweetbreads, for which Strayford Thorough Chorkle had expressed a liking. The result was, that Horres Leviathan got his bead punched by Strayford Thorough, who then rubbed his face with sweetbread.

After dinner there was music, but not a whiff of tobacco. Mother comes to open the Bazzar on Wednesday.

fee. After spending as lease £500 in this way, found there was an additional fee of a hundred guineas for "induction into the temporalities." tion into the temporalities." As there are no temporalities nowadays, this is simply extortion. Remarked so to the Dean, who replied (nastily, I think), "Oh, it's for the interest of the Church not to have psupers for Prelates." I retorted at once, rather ably, that "I could not conceive a better plan for bringing Prelates to autore than the lates to pauperism than the exaction of extortionate fees at Installation." Dean reat Installation." Dean re-plied, sneeringly, "Oh, if you don't value the honour, I sup-

don't value the honour, I suppose there's still time for you to resign." Resign, yes; but should I get back my five or six hundred pounds?

Next Year.—Strange, how I seem to be singled out for preferment. Am to be'translated." it seems, to diocese of Minohester. Can't very well refuse, but really am only just getting over drain on my purse last year owing to my accepting Bishopric here. And on inquiry, find that fees at Minohester much heavier than anychester much heavier than any-where else! Is this really a call? Certainly a call on my pocket. And my family cost such a tremendous lot. And then I've had to do up the Palace, left by my predecessor



in a perfectly shocking state of disrepair!

Later.—My worst apprehensions were realised! Fee for Consecration Auge! Fee for Installation, monstrous! Fee for Investiture, a perfect swindle! Isn't there a song beginning "Promotion is vexation, Translation is seens! Shall really have to consider whether there would be anything unepiscopal in negotiating a little loan, or effecting a mortgage on the Palace.

Year Later.—Have been offered vacant Archbishopric! No, thanks! Late Archbishop almost swamped by the fees, and he was a rich man. I am a poor man—thanks to recent preferments—and can't afford it. An Archbishop in the Bankraptcy Court would not look well. "His Grace attributed his position to expenses connected with the various Installation ceremonies, and offered a composition of one-and-sixpence in the pound, which was unanimously declined by the creditors." When we'll they do away with gate-money in the Church?

SOME scrants were the other day puzzling their heads to find a convenient and familiar word for the illumination produced by the electric spark. Surely it is Edisunlight.

"BEROOFEN!"

"Well," quoth the Baron de Book-Worms, as he sat down to dinner on a Friday, a week ago, "I must say I have never, never been better in my life! Why, dear me, it is quite a year since I was ill!"

"Beroofen!" exclaimed an Italian Countees of dazzling beauty, at the same time rapping the table with one of the bejewelled forks which form part of the Baron's second-best dinner-service.

"Why 'Beroofen'?" asked the Baron.

"It is a spell against the consequence of boasting," the lady explained. "My mother was a bit of a magician."

"And you, my dear Countess, are bewitching. Your health!"
And, pledging her, the Baron drank off a bumper of Pommery '80 très sec, and laughed joyously at the notion of his rapping the table—all "table-rapping" being a past superstition, or supperstition when not at dinner,—and murmuring, "Beroofen!" And so he didn't do it. "Beroofen" never passed his lips: the champagne did; but not "Beroofen."



"Not 'again'!" cried the Baron, surprised, never having had 'em before.
"No: the phenomena," said the Eminent Medico.
"Have I'!" murmured the Baron, and sank down into his uneasy chair. It was an awful thing to have the Phenomena. It might have been the measies in Greek. Anything but that! Anything but that! Anything but that 'phenomena" is not Greek for measles, though it 'one measle; but this

perhaps Phenomenon might be Greek for

perhaps Phenomenon might be Greek for "one measle;" but this would be singular, very singular.

"I must tap you," continued the friend-in-need. "No-no-don't be alarmed. When I say 'tap,' I mean sound you."

Then he began the woodpecking business. In the character of Dr. Woodpecker he tapped at the hollow oak chest, sounded the Baron's heart of oak, pronounced him true to the core, whacked him, smacked him, insisted upon his calling out "Ninety-nine," in various tones, so that it sounded like a duet to the old words, without much of the tune—

"I'm ninety-nine, I'm ninety-nine!"

the remainder of which the Baron had never heard, even in his earliest childhood.

earliest childhood.
So it was a quarter of an hour of inspiration, musical and poetic; and, at its expiration, Dr. Mark Tarley, as the Baron declared he must henceforth be called, announced that there was nothing for it but to make the Baron a close prisoner in his own castle, where he would have to live up to the mark, as if he were to be shown, a few months hence, at a prise cattle-show, among other Barons of Beef.

"Champagne Charley is your name, so is Turtle soup, so is succulent food, and plenty of it. Generally provision the fortreas, and withstand the assaults of the enemy. If a bacillus creeps in through a loophole, knock him on the head with the best champagne at hand, and, if you're not worse in a day or two, you'll be better in a week!

Au revoir!" Exit Dr. Mark Tapley.

And so the Baron remained within, and sent for his books, and above all One of Our Conquerors, by "The Gro. M.," who is the CARLYLE of Novelists. The first volume was missing. In a few days it had returned. The first chapters, however, seemed still wandering. But the Baron was better, and could follow them slowly, though not without effort, wondering whither he was being led. When he arrives at Chapter VII., unless the movelist ceases to meander, the

Baron will exclaim with Hamlet, "Speak! I'll go no further!" Yet, 'tis marvellous clever and entertaining withal.

Perhaps there will be a vacation after this attack of Miss Influenza on the unfortunate Baron. Alas! for the present, it is La Donna Influenza who is "One of Our Conquerors!"

This morning, after a fortnight of it, the Baren was about to announce that he was better, but at the outset he paused, corrected himself, and, tapping the breakfast-table with his fork, he exclaimed,

"Beroefen."

Moral.—Be quite sure you're out of the wood, though maybe you were never in it, and even then don't congratulate yourself.

"Mumm"'s the word (so's "Pommery" also by the way, not forgetting "Greno," all such being excellent Fizzie for the Epidemio), as to your state of health, and don't forget the charm—" Beroefen!"

SUMMER!

(Sketched, in metrical spasms, by a Sufferer therefrom.)

DAMP days, Chill nights; Cramped cricket, Arctic equall; Drenched wicket, Soaked ball; Park a puddle, Row a alough; Morning haze,
Evening blights;
Grey skies,
Sodden earth;
Butterflies
Weak at birth; Gloom over, Grime under; Soaked clover, Hail, thunder; Wind, wet,
Squelch, squash;
Gingham yet,
Mackintosh;
Lawns affect,
Paths dirt; Top-coat, Flannel shirt; Lilaes drenched, Laburnums pallid;

Spirits quenched, Souls aqualid; Tennis "off," Icy breeze; Croak, cough, Wheeze, sneeze;

Muck, muddle, Slush, snow Stuan, snow;
Hay-fever
(No hay!)
Spoilt beaver,
Shoes asplay;
Lilies flopping,
Washed-out roses; Eaves dropping, Red noses; Pools, splashes, Spouts, spirts; Swollen sashes, Gutters, squirts; Cutters, squires Limp curls, Splashed hose; Pretty girls, Damp shows; Piled grates, Cold shivers; Aching pates, Sluggish livers; Morn cruel, Eve a biter; Hot gruel, Sweet nitre; Voice a creaky Cracked cadenza, Face "peaky," INFLUENZA !!! Gloom growing, Glum, glumme Noses (and nothing ing,—

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We're quite the gay Frenchmen now at the Italian Opera: Foust in French, Monon in French, Roméo et Julistie in French, Le Prophète in French; American singers, and Dutch singers—for if Mr. VAN DYCK isn't as much a Double Dutchman as VANDERDECKEN OF any other Van, except Piockrond & Co.'s, then am I myself a Dutch native—and, by the way, I'm always equal to a dozen of 'em any time during the right and proper season. Not for many a long day and night has there been a better show at Covent Garden. Miss Eames, the Brothers De Reszké, Van Dyck, Melba; the two Rayouli girls, specially Givilla, as tuneful contralto; Mauren; the cultured artist; Sinyl Sanderson, the simple child of Nature; Agnes Janson, with more sauce Hollandaise; marvellous Mravina for the French Queen, "with a song;" and, above all, Madame Albari, in tip-top voice, acting and singing better than ever.

Thesday.—June 2 was a Diamond Night in front. H.R.H.'s present: Diamond Queens and Princesses of Society all on view. Duvariourus, in his glory, beams on everyone.

Wednesday.—State Ball counter-attraction to Opera. Won't do to go in rumpled silks and eatins, and drooping feathers, like hens after the rain, to a Court Ball. So Opera suffers; those present trying to look as if they had been invited to State Ball, but didn't care about going, or couldn't go, on account of recent family affliction. However, a Daversicans is reported to have appeared in full fig at State Ball, he couldn't expect others less interested in the performance than himself to cut the Court and come to the Opera. To-night, M. Plancon as Mephistopheles, a thinner demon than Brother NED DERBECKE, but un bon diable tout de même.

Friday Night.—Notable for excellent performance of Rigolette, or The Little Duke and The Big Duck respectively personified by Signor Ravelli and Giulla Ravogli. Three "R"s in such a combination. Quite "R's Poetica." Beg pardon.

"Tag" on the week,—if our friends in front are pleased as they appear to be, then Davenolanus and Council—not the



HONEY-MOONING IN ITALY.

Fair American Bride. "OR, JOHN! TO THINK THAT PERHAPS VIRGINIUS STABBED HIS DAUGHTER ON THIS VERY SPOT, AND THAT JUST OVER THERE TULLIA BOOVE OVER HER FOOD FATHER'S DEAD BODY !"

JOHN, "AH-VERY SAD-VERY SAD, INDEED! BUT, SAY, MATILDA, I GUESS WE'D BETTER LET BYGONES BE BYGONES. AND NOW LET'S GO AND HAVE A LOOK AT THE NEW POST-OFFICE.

THE ALARMED AUTOCRAT!

"The CZAR declared that he was determined to continue resolutely to the end the policy upon which he had entered, with a view to the solution of the Jowish difficulty, adding that it was the Jews themselves who had forced that policy upon him by their conduct . . . "Down to the present time" by their conduct . . . 'Down to the present time' (His Majesty remarked), 'there has never been a single Nhilistic plot in which Jews have not been concerned.'''—The Times' Correspondent at Moscow.

THE Great White CEAR he has put down his

foot; On the neek of the Hebrew that foot he will

plant. Can fear strike a C.ESAR -a Russian to boot? Can a ROMANOFF stoop to mere cowardly cant?

Forbid it traditions of Museovite pride! An Autocrat's place is the Conqueror's car, But he who that chariot in triumph would

Must not earn a name as the White-livered CZAB!

No, no, sourril scribe, dip your pen in rosepink, Or the Censor's black blurrshall your slander

efface

A C. # san turn sophist, an Autocrat shrink?
Pusillanimous spite mark the ROMANOFF race?
Too wholly absurd! What is this we have

heard Which on courtier spirits must painfully jar? Who is he, this mal à propos "little bird"
Who twitters such tales of the Whitelivered Carr?

The Wolf and the Lamb? We all know that old tale, But the Wolf, though a tyrant, was scarcely

Me tullied and lied, but he didn't turn pale, Or need poltroon terror as cruelty's spur. But a big, irresponsible, "fatherly" Prince Afeared—of a Jew? 'Tis too funny by far

The coldest of King-scorning cynics might wince At that comic conception, a White-livered

CEAR! No; Russia is heaven, the CZAR is a saint, And the poor "Ebrew Jew" is a trouble-

And the poor "Ebrew Jew" is a troublesome pest;
But is he the thing to make C.ESAR go faint,
Or disturb an Imperial Autocrat's rest?
The Jew's all to blame—as a matter of course;
The weak and the weary invariably are;
But weakness on power harsh tyranny force?
That's an argument worthy a Whitelivered CZAR.

An Israelite meshed in a Nihilist plot
Is a pitiful picture. Ungrateful indeed
Is the poor Russian Jew, not content with his
lot—

As a slave to the Slav. But expel the whole breed? Apply that same rule to your subjects all

round, And one fancies you'll find it too sweeping by far.

The vast realm of Muscovy then might be found
A wilderness - save for the White-livered

CZAR.

The pick of your people, the best of your blood,
Your purest of women, your bravest of men,
O CZAB, have they not, in despair's dusky

mood, Turned Nihilist, plotted, been banished?

What then? [Jew; Best banish them all, as you'd banish the 'Twill sweep your dominions more clear than

red war. [you,
Picture Russia a waste with one resident—
Perched high—and alone—as the Whitelivered CZAR!

Maybe they malign you. It cannot be sooth
That you talk like an angry illogical girl.
Yes, banish the Hebrews, as wholly as ruth,
Be cold in your wrath as the Neva's chill

swirl,
Saub friendly remenstrance, blunt satire's
keen blade.

With a blot of black ink! Will it carry

you far?

A C.Esan must not be a fool or afraid;
There's no place in earth's round for a
White-livered Czan!

SAD FINISH.—We see advertised, "George Moredith. A Study. By HANNAH LYNCK."
Poor GEORGE! "Taken from life," of course.
There's an end of him! Lynch'd!



THE ALARMED AUTOCRAT!

CEAR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS, "TAKE HIM AWAY !-TAKE HIM AWAY! HE FRIGHTENS ME!"

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OUR BOOKING-OFFICE.

MESSER, R. OSCOOD & Co. in advertising Miss Sarah Orme Jewerr's book, Strangers and Wayfarers, quotes an extract from one of Mr. RUSSELL LOWELL'S letters, which runs thus:—

⁶⁵ I remember once at a dinner of the Royal Academy, wishing there might be a toast in honour of the Little Masters, such as TENNIEL, DU MAURISE,

and their fellows."

He "wished" it, but was the wish a silent one, or did it find expression in a speech? No matter: there are the Old Masters and the Young Masters, there are the Middle-Aged Masters; there are the Great Masters; and, according to Mr. Russell Lowell, there are "the Little Masters," without any middle term at all. "The Little Masters," like children in the nursery of Art, not admitted to dinner, but who come in afterwards for dessert. May they come in for their just deserts, as no doubt they will some day. Well, according to this Lowelly estimation of merit, these would be the Lesser Masters, and after them the No Masters at all, except perhaps the Toast-Masters. But why not follow a kind of public school classification which divides one form—of course all the artists belong to the very best form,

the very best form, and, like Sir Faron-RICK the President, show the very best form — into several oompartments, so that we should have in one form sav, the Fifth, Upper Fifth, Middle Fifth, subdivided into Upper and Lower Middle, then Lower Fifth, with a similar subdivision? Orders of merit to be worn in the button-hole could then be distribute and a new Order of the "B.P.", not "British Public," but "Brush and Peneil," could be instituted, to be entitled fully, "The Masters of the Black and White Art."

In the Fortnightly, besides an article on the prevailing epi-demic, by Sir Morell MACKENZIE, M.D., which finishes with much the sort of general advice that was given by Mr. Justice Starleigh to Sam Starleigh to Sam Weller, to the effect that "You had better be careful, Sir," whoever you are, who read this short, but generally interesting paper. There is an

paper. There is an an imaginary election at the Royal Academy, noticeable only for an excellent imitation of Mr. George Merrotiff style. The Novelist is supposed to look in casually, and, finding an election imminent, he effers sage words of counsel, and then begs to be allowed to "float out of their orbit by a howshot." It seems to me that the paper was written for the sake of this one short paragraph, which, as a close parody, is inimitable. A Modern Idyll, by the Editor, Mr. Frank Harris, is, as far as this deponent is concerned, like the Rule of Three in the ancient Nursery Rhyme, for it "bothers me," and, though written with considerable dramatic power, yet it seems rather the foundation for a novel which the Author felt either disinclined to continue, or unable to finish.

ALTER HEGO (in the Office of the B, de B,-W.)

THE TYRANTS OF THE STRAND!

(Fragment from a Romance, Founded upon a Modern Strike.)

It was a dark and stormy night. The wind howled, the rain pelted, and the poor travellers were drenched to the skin. They shaded their eyes, and peered forth into the blackness to see if succour was at hand. Their strength was exhausted, and they felt they could go no further. Oh! what would they not have given to be once more on beard the tight little craft they had abandoned!

But no! it was not to be. They must seek for help from another quarter! Suddenly there emerged from the darkness a strange-looking structure, that with its lights seemed bent upon running them down. They signalled for help, and the grotesque vessel was hove to.

"What do you want?" asked a gruff voice, to their great delight, in English. "What are you a haling us for?"

"We are shipwrecked travellers," explained the spokesman of the party; "and we ask for conveyance to a place of safety."

"A place of safety—sounds like a cab-stand," muttered the other.

"Well, jump in." Thus invited, the shipwrecked travellers entered what seemed to them to be a welcome harbour of refuge. But they had not proceeded far when the man who had already spoken to them again addressed them.

"Come—all of you—turn out—but first pay me," and then he mentioned a considerable sum of money.

"Have you no mercy?" cried a fair-haired girl, pointing to the white and rain-drenched looks of her ancient parents.

"Not a bit, Miss," returned the semi-savage, with a hideous grin.

"And who are you, rude man?" she asked, plucking up in her very despair some spirit. "Are you the Captain?"

"Much the same thing—I am called the

"Much the same thing—I am called the Conductor."

"And what is the name of this dreadful conveyance?" again questioned the damsel, with a shuddering glance at what seemed to be a straw-strewn

cabin. "It is called," replied the man, defi-antly, "the Pirate Bus!" On hearing this, the entire party uttered a despai ery, and fainted!

THE TRAVELLER'S FRIEND.

(A Hint for the coming Holidays,)

DRAR MR. PUNCH As we are within measurable distance of measurable distance of the time when every-one will be thinking of going abroad, per-haps you will allow me to make a practical suggestion. No doubt you will have observed that, according to the Correspondent of the Times, recounting the "recent railway out-rage in Turkey," the Brigands "chose five of the most opulent-looking of their vic-

tims, and told them that they meant to hold them to ransom." I am not surprised at this occurrence, for something of the same sort once happened to me. I am very well to do, and I am fond of what I believe is vulgarly called "globe-trotting." I do not oare to be encumbered with too much luggage, and if there is a thorn to the rose of my sweet content it is the objection that my wife makes to my personal appearance. She will have it that a suit of thoroughly comfortable dittos is not the proper garb for a stroll on the Boulevards des Italiens, or a lounge on the Piazza San Marco. As for my wide-awake, she declares (and I can assure you that I have not had it for more than ten years) it is absolutely disgraceful!

But to my story. I have said that I myself was once attacked by Brigands. Our train was stopped in strictly regulation fashion. I believe the customary number of engine-drivers, stokers, and gnards were shot, or otherwise accounted for. Then the passengers were inspected. I was rather nervous, for, truth to tell, my pockets were lined with untold gold and notes. The Chief of the Brigands—a most gentlemanly person—glanced at my coat with a slight shudder of pain, and then raised his eyes to my head-gear. That seemed to satisfy him. "Set him free!" he eried to the two ruffians who guarded me, "and never let him see me again!" I never did!

ONE who was flaved by His Haz.

The Retreat, Old Closeborough.



"(STAN)-HOPE TOLD A FLATTERING TALE,"

Mr. Punch (to War Secretary), "Yert well on Account; but when is he to have his Reward in Full, like his Brothers of the Combatant Branch?"



A POLITICAL MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

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THE BUSMEN'S ALPHABET.

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A is the Ache which the Drivers delay.

B is the Bus, which they're chained to all day.

C's the poor Cad who is sick of his trade.

D is the Dividend that must be paid.

E's the day's End, which finds him dead-beat.

F is the Food he has no time to eat.

G is his Good, for which nobody cares.

H is the Horse who so much better fares.

I's the Increase in his pay that he waits,

J's the fine Jump he'll soon take with his mates.

K is the Knife-board, which funds should provide.

L are the Ladies, who now go outside.

M is the Money that's carned every day.

N the New lines, that they start, and make pay.

O Opposition, they speedily chase.

P is the Public that fills every place.

G is the Question, that hints at Reform.

R the Reply, that soon raises a storm.

S the Shareholder, blind in his greed.

T's is the Tension which he'd better heed.

U's the Ugorous Vengeance of strike.

W Wisdom that comes somewhat late.

X Express Action which may avert Fate!

Y, Yell triumphal, the men win the day.

Z —"Zounds!" which is all Directors can say.

BENDIGO.

[A Monument to BENDIGO, the famous prize-fighter, has been lately erected at Nottingham.]

Old Prize-fighter soliloquises:

If ever to the "Pelican" alone or with a friend I go,
I sigh for men of muscle who could fight a fight like
BENDIGO.

He didn't fight in feather-beds, or spend his days in
But faced his man, and battered him, or took his foeman's

battering. [all; He didn't deal in gas, or waste his time in mere retort at But now the "pugs" are interviewed, and journalists report it all.

report it all.

A man may call it what he will, brutality or bravery,
I'd rather have the prize-ring back than give a purse to
knavery.

Knaves fight for points, the audience shouts and wrangles
I hate their fancy-work, I'm off to take the train to
Nottingham.

Nottingham. [mend, I go I like a Man; though modern men and modern manners To drop a last regretful tear o'er poor departed BENDIGO.



GENTLE SARCASM.

"YESSIR; I GITS 'OME PROM MY LAST JOURNEY AT MIDNIGHT,-AN' THEN I 'AS THE REST OF THE HAVENIN' TO MYSELF!

ESSENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

EXTRACTED FROM THE DIABY OF TOBY, M.P.

House of Commons, Monday, June 1.—House of Commons, as usual at this time of Session, driven against wall in its struggles with appointed work. With brief recesses, been at work since November last. One thing everyone insists on is that Prorogation shall take place at end of July. Difficult to see how even by most masterly management that can be accomplished. Apart from Education Bill, enough work in hand, if Supply be fairly dealt with, to carry us on to last week in July. Every moment precious; every quarter of an hour lost an irretrievable misfortune.

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Accordingly, to-day, meeting in the freshness and vigour of new week, House takes up a local Bill dealing with pilotage in Bristol Channel. Two or three Members talk about it for hour and a half. House neither knowing nor caring anything on subject, empties; Division bell sounds through all the rooms and corridors. How is a man to vote when the question abruptly submitted is, "That the Pilotage Provisional Orders No. 1 Bill be now read a Second Time?" Still, it's as well to vote, as it runs up average attendance on Divisions, at which at election times constituents sometimes glance. Fortunately, in this case, Michael Beard, as one of Members for Bristol, took part in Debate and Division. As useful this as sign-post to belated traveller at four cross-roads. Conservatives and Liberals crowded at Bar keep their eye on President of Board of Trade, watching which way he would go. He led the way into the "Aye" lobby. Thither followed him all the Conservatives, all the Liberals trooping into the "No" lobby. When Noses were counted, it was found that 165 voted "Aye," 119 "No." And thus it came to pass that the Pilotage Provisional Order No. 1 Bill was read a Second Time.

One gathered from chance expressions, and especially from the interest taken in the affair by Members for City of Bristol, that

Bristol had special interest in the Bill. In addition to MICHARL BRACH'S support, WESTON on Liberal side, HILL on Conservative Benches, supported Second Reading. Sinking political differences, Member for East Bristol, and Member for South Bristol, agreed upon

Benches, supported Second Reading. Sinking political differences, Member for East Bristol, and Member for South Bristol, agreed upon plan of campaign.

"You, Weston," said Colonel Hill, who, having obtained his military rank in the peaceful pursuits of commercial shipping, is a master of strategy, "speak so low that they can't hear a word you say, whilst I, concealing a miniature speaking-trumpet in my mouth, will roar at them as if a stout North-Easter were blowing through the lanyards of our first battalion, deployed in open order."

Tactics succeeded admirably. Sir Joseph Weston, a mild, aldermanic person, presented himself from quarter behind Front Opposition Bench, and, to all appearances, delivered an admirable address. His lips moved, his right hand marked the rhythm of his ordered speech; now his eyes flashed in reprobation, and anon smiled approval. But not a sound, save a soft murmur, as of distant dripping waterfall, was heard. L'Enfant Prodigus wasn't in it for successful pantomime.

When the movement stopped, and the Alderman was discovered to be sitting down, the martial-nautical Hill sprang up from Bench on other side, and the stilliness was broken by a rasping voice, that woke DICKY TEMPLE out of his early slumber. The strategy, eleverly conceived, was admirably carried out, and Bristol, thanks to diversified talent of its Members, got its Bill. Only it seemed a pity that an hour and a half of precious public time should incidentally have been appropriated.

Business done.—Irish Land Bill in report stage.

Tuesday.—House of Lords the seene of a thrilling performance to-

Punctually at that hour, a solitary pedestrian might have been observed walking up the floor of the historic Chamber. A flowing gown hid, without entirely concealing, his graceful figure; a full-bottomed wig growned his stately head, as the everlasting snows veil the lofty heights of the Himalayas. He looked neither to the right hand nor to the left, but with swinging stride strode forward. At the end of the Chamber stood the Throne of England, on which, in days gone by, Harourar's Plantagenet fathers sat, and in which some day—who knows?—the portly frame of him who now proudly bears the humble title, Squire or Malwoon, may recline.

But that is another story. The gowned-and-wigged figure observed walking up the floor of the House of Lords at half-past five on a June evening, was not making for the Throne. Before that piece of furniture stood a bench, in appearance something like the familiar ottoman of the suburban drawing-room. It was the Woolsek, and the sreite figure, swinging towards it with the easy stride of superlative grace and comparative youth, was the Lord High CHANCELLOR! Before him, at respectful distance, went his Pursebearer, ready to produce the wherewithal should his Lordship desire a pick-me-up by the way. Behind him came the Mace-bearer, and, a foot further in the rear, Black Rod. Odafakina! a stately procession, which ought to have been set in the centre of an admiring multitude. But the Lord CHANCELLOR's springy footfall cohoed through an almost empty chamber. DENMAR



chilling scene. Clerk at the table mumbled something about Provisional Orders.

"Those that are of that opinion say 'Content,' "observed the Lord Charcellon. "Contrary, 'Not Content; the Contents have it. This House will now adjourn."

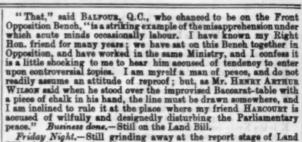
Then uprose the Lord High Charcellon, and with the same stately swinging step, moved towards the doorway, with the Purse-bearer, the Macebearer, and Black Rod in his train. It was twenty-five minutes to Six; full five minutes had elapsed since the House of Lords met. Now House of Lords had adjourned, and the throbbing pulses of an Empire on which the sun never sets beat with steadier motion, knowing that all was well. Business done.—House of Lords adjourned. adjourned

adjourned.

Thursday.—Rather a painful scene just now between Prince Arthur and the Squire of Malwood. T. W.
RUSSELL proposed new Clause on Irish Land Bill, which provided for reinstatement of evicted tenants; received with general appliance, and finally agreed to. In the midst of general congratulations and general congratulations and shaking hands, the Squinz lounged in, and with many back-handed slaps at the Government, added his approval to the general chorus. The Ministry were hopelessly bad, but this clause, though proposed by a supporter of theirs, was moderately good.

"Singular thing," said

"Singular thing," said
Prince Arthur, in meditative
tone, as if he were talking to himself, "that the Right Hon. Gentleman can never interfere in debate, however far removed the
subject may be from the arena of Party Politics, without forthwith
dragging it into the arena."



peace." Business done.—Still on the Land Bill.

Friday Night.—Still grinding away at the report stage of Land Bill; don't get any forrader; been at it a week, and to-night just as many Amendments on the paper as there were on Monday. All night upon a single new Clause. Everybody wearied to death. Even Windbag Sexton a little moody; not had such a good night as usual; the debate lasting throughout sitting, and, there being only one Motion before the House, Sexton (with the Speaker in the Chair) could speak only once; that he did, at considerable length. But a poor consolation for lost opportunity.

Congratulated the suffering Speaker on this accident; pointed out to him things were bad enough; but might be worse.

"I suppose, Toby," he said, "you never read Prior? Haven't looked him up for many years; but, sitting here through this week, there is one couplet—from his Solomon, I think—ever running through my mind:—

'Anna was ready ere I called her name;
And, though I call'd another, Anna came.'
Business down' Business done, - One Clause added to Land Bill.

"GREY APES OF AGE." "GREY APES OF AGE."

"GREY hair is fashionable for the youthful,"
Says a Mode oracle acknowledged truthful.
Strange that Society should have a rage
For that anomaly—artificial Age!
Dust on their heads our pretty women toss,
Just to deprive it of its pristine gloss.
Make ashon-white your eyebrows, there, and lashes,
Precocious hage! The world's but dust and ashes.
Wrinkles and crowsfeet next must have their turn
(To limn them in let toilette artists lears),
Then make each belle bald, seraggy-necked and toothless,
Grey hair alone won't make Society youthless.
Let belles turn beldsms if they find it jolly,
But they might be consistent in their folly!

MUSICAL, THEATRICAL, AND JUDICIAL.—The Daily Telegraph, quoting from the Middlesex County Times, last Saturday, stated that, "The Lord Chancellor had added the name of Mr. W. S. Gilbert, Poet and Dramatist, to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Middlesex." So is it said that another "W. S.," one William Shakeffere—who, by the way, also had a Gilbert in the family—was, in his latter years, made a J.P." Mr. William Shakeffere Gilbert—if he will kindly allow us so to style him, as uniting the qualities of poet and dramatist—should receive a special and peculiar title. Let him, then, be henceforth known as "The Poetic Justice of the Piece."

THE "HIRED PRIEST."

[Mr. GLADSTONE says, "If the pricet is to live, he must beg, earn, or steal."]

Now, here's a needy Vicar; who will hire him? He can preach,
Can confute a host of infidels and crush them with a text.
If a Sunday school is started, he's the very man to teach,
If you snub him he may hate it, but he'll never show he's vexed.
He can spend his days in visiting the alleys and the slums,
And support his own existence, and his family's, on crumbs.

Come, come, Sir, you are generous. What! eighty pounds a year?
It's a fortune for a Vicar; I am sure he won't refuse.
Why it's eixteen hundred shillings, he will take it, never fear;
For though priests are scarcely beggars, yet they can't afford to
He hasn't got a single vice; I'll guarantee him sound, (choose.
And he'll make a crown go farther than an ordinary pound.

And here we have a Bishop; we don't do things by halves;
He requires a roomy palace, he is sturdy, atout and tall.
You can have him as he stands, Sir, with his gaiters and his calves;
Five thousand hires the Bishop, apron, appetite and all.
What? You much prefer the Vicar with his collar and his tie?
And you'd rather pay him extra? Here's your health, Sir; so would I.

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